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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 26, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1 through 12 and 16 through 20 without prejudice to renew.

Add new claims 21 through 24 as follows:

21. A method as in claim 13 wherein the second gaseous stream is steam from a flash tank having hot spent cooking liquor from a cellulose pulp digester.

22. A method as recited in claim 13 wherein the second gaseous stream is steam from a flash tank having hot spent cooking hot spent cooking liquor from a kraft pulping process.

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